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In addition, Groft was an Adjunct Professor for the Public History Program, SUNYA and taught a Graduate course called Curatorial Practices from 1991 until 2015. She is a member of the Executive Committee for Women@Work. Groft worked as a Study Leader for the Smithsonian Institution, called Art along the Hudson River, 2007 to 2015. She has been a Grant Panelist for, National Endowment for the Humanities, Preservation and Access, 1999, 2001, 2005 and a grant field reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities, Preservation and Access, 1999-2009. Groft received her M.A. American Folk Culture in 1979 from the Cooperstown Graduate Program, SUNY at Oneonta and B.A. Anthropology, 1974 from Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY.